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In re Application of: Hochrein et al.

Serial No.: 09/401,595

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For: Cover For Contained Aerobic Treatment
of Biodegradable Matter

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) Group Art Unit: 1771
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LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

Dear Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the U.S. Patent and
Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified Patent Application:

1. Amendment (2 pages);
2. Clean Version of Amended Claims (1 page); and
3. Petition for Three-Month Extension of Time (1 page).

**THE COMMISSIONER IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED AND IS REQUESTED
TO CHARGE ALL FILING FEES DUE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.16 AND ALL
OTHER FEES DUE UNDER §1.17 DURING THE PENDENCY OF THIS
APPLICATION TO OUR DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO. 07-1729.**

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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 21, 2001, please amend the
above-identified patent application, as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 19 and 18 without prejudice or disclaimer to the
subject matter contained therein. Moreover, please amend claim 11 as follows:

11. (Amended) The cover of claim 10 wherein the [fabric] laminates has a
tensile strength greater than 1000 N/5 cm.

REMARKS

Claims 1-18 were rejected in an Office Action dated March 21, 2001.
Claims 1-10 and 18 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer to the
subject matter contained therein, and claim 11 has been editorially amended to
better clarify the scope of the claim. Support for the amendment may be found in
the "Detailed Description of the Invention." Applicants respectfully request
reconsideration of the present application in view of the following remarks.